



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

Respect and Relationships **Enjoyment** **Aspiration**
Courage **Hope**

July 2023

A message from Mrs Kitts

This year has flown by! The progress and changes I have seen in the children are amazing whilst the highs and lows of their lives, along with the excitement and determination have all added to the richness and bustle of school life. I have had the most varied, exciting and fulfilling few months in which the children have made me smile on many occasions. We have an incredible staff team at St Nicholas School who care so much about the children's well-being and learning. Our children are an inspiration and this last couple of weeks, they have shown how amazingly they work together with enjoyment, courage and hope.

I hope everyone enjoys the break from school and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Our Christian School

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Heather Armstrong who has been an integral part of the Open the Book team for several years. We wish her well in her new home.

We will be celebrating the Year 6s next step along their way on Monday in church at 1:15. All families are welcome to attend this final service of the year before heading off to enjoy time with friends and family during the holiday.

Sports Day



After the hottest June on record, July has been wet. We were lucky to have a dry, if overcast, afternoon for Sports Day. The children had fun playing rounders in house teams in the morning, the Sports Leader and her team organised a good variety of challenges for the carousel of activities and the children tried their hardest in the track events. Well done everyone.

The team that won was Scotland – a particular well done to them.

Judo display

We were treated to a judo demonstration by the Devizes Judo Club who amazed the children and talked about respect being a really important value of the sport.



School Production



Wow, what a show! The children learnt their lines with determination and the songs floated down corridors for several weeks in preparation for Jill and Fred's most historical, hysterical adventure.

Thank you to Vaughan's Kitchen for providing all the refreshing cordial served by the PTA during the interval. Thank you to parents for providing costumes and supporting the dramatic endeavours of our children in person and by donating towards the cost of the production next year – a fabulous £250.

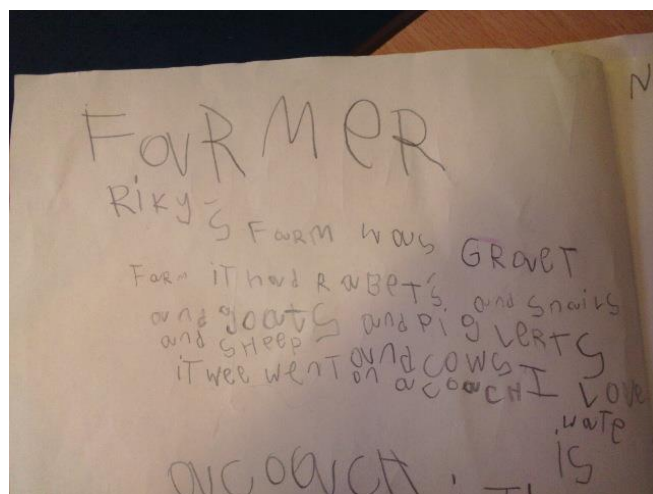


PTA Summer Disco

Thank you to the PTA and Lee Napier for providing a fun, if a little warm, evening. This raised £160.

Roves Farm Trip

As one of the Holly Class children wrote, "Farmer Ricky's was great".



Please keep an eye on our school

As the holiday approaches, whilst staff will be in and out at times, we would like to ask families to keep an eye out if you are passing the school as we think people have been accessing the site overnight during the lighter evenings. If you think it is a police matter, please contact them.

Annual awards assembly



This year has seen so many achievements and such a lot of progress in learning that it was hard to select children for the awards. Parents of award winners came along to help celebrate the successes from this year and, in the case of the Year 6 children, the last seven years.

A big thank you to the Hiscock family for providing all the fabulous trophies.



SATs and phonics results

The Year 6 children and staff were delighted that everyone's hard work had paid off and the children had done well, making amazing progress. This very small cohort means that data isn't statistically reliable and children may be easily identified, hence the general comment.

In Year 2, 69% of our children achieved at least the expected standard in Maths, 46% in Reading and 23% in Writing – this is a year group with high levels of additional need.

In Year 1, 69% of our children achieved the required threshold mark in the Phonics Screening Check.

New Year 6 responsibilities

Year 6 jobs were announced recently;

Sports Leaders: Henry, Finley, Max, Jasper, Charlie

Class Captains: Neve, Ava, Columbo

School Ambassadors: Ethan and Megan

Hall Monitor: Gabrielius

Open Classroom evening

It was lovely to see so many parents sharing their children's work on Wednesday this week. Thank you for supporting this.

Looking forwards.....

Monday 24th July – Last day of term

Everyone is welcome to the Leavers Church Service 1:15. Children may be collected from school after this.

Tuesday 25th July – Staff only training day

Summer break

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September – Staff training days.

Tuesday 5th September – Years 1-6 return to school

Wednesday 6th September – New EYFS children start school (individual start times).

The school calendar for 2023/24 can be found on our website;

<https://www.stnicholasbromham.co.uk/school-calendar/>